



**Tufts Medical Center Hospitals Program
Lemuel Shattuck Hospital**

Transitional Year Residency Program



RESIDENT COVERAGE OF NON-TEACHING PATIENTS

Effective July 2003

Expiration: Indefinite

Purpose: To formalize hospital policy of resident coverage of non-teaching patients on the medical chronic services.

Policy: Under certain circumstances the patient may be made non-teaching/chronic by the attending physician of record on the acute medicine team and be transferred to one of the chronic non-teaching services at the Lemuel Shattuck Hospital. This generally occurs when a patient requests that house officers not be involved in his/her medical care or when a patient no longer requires acute medical care while awaiting transfer to a long care facility or hospice. In the event that a house officer team believes the patient should be transferred to a non-teaching status, the resident should first consult with the attending of record. If there is a disagreement over a patient's teaching status, the medical director may be called upon to mediate the dispute. If a decision is made by the attending to transfer the patient to non-teaching status an order is to be written in the patient chart transferring the patient to non-teaching/chronic status. In the event that an attending elects to transfer his/her patient to non-teaching/chronic status, the following rules will apply:

- 1. House officers will no longer be required to write daily progress notes or dictate a discharge summary.**
- 2. Patient care questions should be directed to the new medical team taking care of the patient rather than the house officers.**
- 3. House officers may be called to evaluate in the case of urgent medical conditions.**